

## Mass Care Presentation

Iowa Department of Public Health  
Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
Department  
American Red Cross

## Objectives

- Discuss the components of mass care
- Discuss available resources for mass care
- Discuss the role of NGOs and state agencies in the mass care process

## Iowa Dept. of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

### All Disasters Are Local

- The Process
  - Emergency Management Coordinator utilizes local resources
  - Once overwhelmed and resources exhausted, contacts HSEMD to request assistance

## Iowa Dept. of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

- HSEMD contacts Governor's Office (Proclamation)
  - State resources available at no cost
  - Can waive certain rules and regulations
  - Overweight/length/driver hours
  - Activates State Individual Assistance Program
  - Grant Program - \$5,000 for those at or above 200% federal poverty level
  - County Specific; Good for 30 days

## Iowa Dept. of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

For a Mass Care Incident, IHSEMD will:

- Respond to resource requests from emergency management coordinators. This could include:
  - Cots, blankets, feeding support, shelter management teams, etc.

## Iowa Dept. of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

For a mass care incident IHSEMD will:

- Activate the IDHRC - group made up of voluntary, faith-based, private sector and government agency representatives able to assist during disaster events. ARC is a member of this Council

## Iowa Dept. of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

- o The Department of Human Services is the lead agency for Mass Care (ESF-6) in the State Response Plan
- o Primary and Support roles are listed for each agency

## What is Mass Care

- o Mass Care is defined as the capability to provide immediate shelter, feeding centers, basic first aid, bulk distribution of needed items, and related services to persons affected by a large-scale incident
- o The capability should also provide for family reunification and companion animal care/handling

## Immediate Shelter

- o Immediate Shelter is defined as the capability to provide emergency housing, feeding, and first aid of displaced persons in disaster situations
- o Facility Considerations:
  - o Facility (ventilation, HVAC, hot water)
  - o Capacity (Adequate space per person)
  - o Sanitation (Toilets, handwashing, showers, laundry)
  - o Solid Waste Disposal (timely removal of waste)
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## Feeding Centers

- o Feeding Center is defined as the capability to provide regular meals to displaced persons and workers in disaster situations

## Feeding Centers

- o Feeding Center Considerations:
  - o Designated area away from sleeping areas
  - o Safe food source (no home-prepared food or food from unknown sources)
  - o Appropriate handling and storage (temperature controlled)
  - o Adequate supply of drinking water/ice
  - o Handwashing station

## Basic Care

- Basic Care is defined as the capability to provide medical care and health services to the shelter population

## Basic Care

- Basic Care Considerations:
  - Medical care services available
  - Illnesses/injuries (monitor for outbreaks)
  - Prescriptions needed
  - Mental Health needs

## Other Considerations

- Childcare areas
  - Diaper changing facilities
  - Food/bottle preparation area
  - Adequate child/caregiver supervision ratio
- Companion Animals
  - Designated area
  - Feed and water
  - General sanitation

## American Red Cross



## American Red Cross Mass Care Capabilities

- Sheltering
  - Emergency shelters at designated sites within the affected area(s)
- Feeding
  - Fixed-sites, mobile feeding units, or bulk distribution sites

## American Red Cross Mass Care Capabilities

- Bulk Distribution
  - Emergency Relief Items to meet urgent needs
- Emergency First Aid
  - Emergency first aid includes provision of basic first aid at mass care facilities and designated sites and referral to appropriate medical personnel and facilities.
- Disaster Welfare Information
  - Family reunification through Safe and Well  
<https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>

### American Red Cross Mass Care Capacity

- Provide services
  - At the request of Emergency Management, Dept. of Human Services, or IHSEMD
- Based on community need

### American Red Cross Mass Care Capacity

- Mobilize local resources, to include:
  - Trained workforce including DHS and DMH
  - Shelter trailer (cots, comfort kits, etc.)
  - Activate feeding vendors and partners
  - Casework Recovery Services for impacted population

### American Red Cross Mass Care Capacity

- Scalability
  - Resources available beyond local capacity
  - Region, Division, & National
- Reporting & Information Sharing
  - National Shelter System (NSS)
  - HIPAA provision in disaster relief efforts

Questions?